

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 632

By Crider

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Leo Maness on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Leo Maness will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on June 22, 2007, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Trenton, Mr. Maness is a highly respected member of his community; and

WHEREAS, at the young age of thirteen, Leo Maness began working for *The Herald Democrat*; after gaining a deep understanding of the realm of journalism and the many facets of the printing and paper industry, Mr. Maness purchased the *Trenton Weekly Gazette* and the Gibson County Printing Company in 1953; and

WHEREAS, now known as Office World, the Gibson County Printing Company would truly become a family business, with Mr. Maness and his wife, Billie Lee, working together every day until their retirement in October of 1985, when they sold the business to their daughter, Nancy Hunt; the printing and office supply business is now owned by Ken Coble, the grandson of Mr. Maness; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement, Leo Maness excused himself from the business for six weeks before returning to work for his daughter; to this day, he continues to make deliveries two days each week; and

WHEREAS, a civic leader, Mr. Maness toiled tirelessly on behalf of his fellow citizens through his many years of public service; he rendered sterling service through two terms as Trenton's mayor, stood as an alderman for three terms between 1960 and 1971, and sat on

various school and industrial boards. His hard work was aptly recognized in 1975, when he was named "Citizen of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 1939, in Cleveland, Mississippi, Leo Maness was joined in marriage with Billie Lee Ross, and the couple enjoyed sixty-six years of wedded bliss before her death in 2005; and

WHEREAS, as he approaches his tenth decade, Mr. Maness is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Leo Maness on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.